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for the Year 1952.

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MIDHURST.

August, 1953.

TO: The Chairman and Members
of the Midhurst Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Midhurst Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1952. This is the seventy-ninth report in the series.

The principal vital statistics for the year, together with comparative figures for 1951, are :-

	Midhurst Rural District.		England and Wales.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Home population	16,750	16,730	-	-
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	12.53	13.86	15.3	15.5
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	12.29	12.13	11.3	12.5

In Section VI of the report figures are quoted which show the dramatic reduction in the number of cases of Diphtheria and of deaths from the disease since 1944 in England and Wales. This advance can only be maintained if parents take full advantage of the facilities provided for immunisation of young children.

One hundred and six new houses (Private, Council and Housing Society) were completed during the year, making a total of 479 permanent houses completed since 1945. A further 88 houses were under construction at the 31st December, 1952.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and to Mr. Henry and all members of the Staff for their work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C P Geoghegan.

Medical Officer of Health.

Section I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District remains as it has done for many years - an agricultural and residential one.

Other minor industries provide employment and the increasing holiday traffic brings a considerable amount of trade to hotels and cafes.

The average age of the population is higher than it is in more populous and industrial districts and more than half of the deaths recorded in 1952 occurred over the age of 75 years.

General Statistics.

Area in Acres	67,035
Number of Parishes	26
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population(1951 mid-year)	16,730
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population(1952 mid-year)	16,750
Number of Dwellings	5,207
Rateable Value (March, 1953)	£ 123,662
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1953) ..	£ 520

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT								Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.		
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate				Rural Districts	Urban Districts	
		M	F	Number	%	Crude	Corr.			
1951	232	119	113	13	5.6	13.86	15.38	14.01	11.73	15.5
1952	210	106	104	12	5.7	12.53	13.78	13.96	12.27	15.3

Stillbirths.

Total Number (after adjustment for Transfers)				Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex			
		M	F		
1951	5	2	3	21.09	0.29
1952	5	3	2	23.25	0.29

Deaths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						WEST SUSSEX		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex				Rural Districts	Urban Districts	
		M	F	Crude	Corr.			
1951	203	102	101	12.13	9.46	12.72	16.32	12.5
1952	206	105	101	12.29	9.58	11.85	14.92	11.3

It will be noted that during the year there was an excess of births over deaths of 4. The Registrar General's estimate of the home population of the District at the middle of the year is 16,750, an increase of 20 on the total population for 1951.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were :-

	1952	1951
(i) Diseases of heart and circulatory system	81	71
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	37	32
(iii) Neoplasms	34	33
(iv) Respiratory diseases (excluding pulmonary tuberculosis)	17	20

These four causes accounted for 169 or 82% of the total deaths.

Of the total deaths, 156 or 75.7% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over, and of these, 115 or 55.8% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged 75 years or over.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of deaths in 1952.

Maternal Deaths

Midhurst R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1951	1	4.21	0.5	0.5	0.79
1952	Nil	-	0.9	0.9	0.72

Infant Mortality

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit-imate		R.D's.	U. D's.	
		M	F					
1951	9	5	4	3	38.79	25.	24.	29.6
1952	4	4	-	-	19.04	18.	17.	27.6

Infant Mortality Rates:

(a) Under 1 year of age:

	1952.	1951
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	20.20	27.39
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	230.76

(b) Under 4 weeks of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	14.28	34.48
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	15.15	27.39
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	153.84

A table on page 7 gives the causes of death of all infants at various ages under one year.

Death Rates per 1,000 population from:

	1952	1951
Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	0.05	0.35
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.17	0.35
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) ..	1.01	1.19
Cancer	2.02	1.97
Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria)	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years) ..	Nil	Nil

Causes of Death of Children under one Year - 1952.

	Cause of Death	Under 1 Day	Total under 1 Wk.	Total under 1 Mth.	Months			Total under 1 Yr.
					1-	6-	7-	
1.	Prematurity	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
2.	Atelectasis	2	2	2	-	-	-	2
3.	Broncho-pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	Totals	3	3	3	-	1	-	4

Table showing Populations, Births, Deaths, and Birth and Death Rates, 1942-1952.

Year	Population	Births		Deaths		Infant Mortality	
		Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Deaths	Rate
1942	17,790	261	14.67	200	11.24	12	46
1943	16,930	281	16.6	220	12.99	10	36
1944	16,330	269	16.47	197	12.06	17	63
1945	15,520	216	13.92	179	11.53	5	23
1946	15,720	257	16.35	215	13.42	14	54
1947	15,730	263	16.71	181	11.5	11	41
1948	16,530	248	15.00	194	11.73	3	12
1949	16,590	244	14.70	201	12.11	4	16
1950	16,480	225	13.65	217	13.16	5	22
1951	16,730	232	13.86	203	12.13	9	38
1952	16,750	210	12.53	206	12.29	4	19

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life during 1952

R.G. List No.	CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	All Ages	Weeks 0-	Weeks 4-	Years 1-	2-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
	All Causes	M	105	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	5	6	14	23	51
		F	101	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	2	12	18	64
1	Tuberculosis,	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	respiratory	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2	Tuberculosis,	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
	other forms	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Other infective and	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	parasitic diseases	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10	Malignant neoplasms,	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1
	stomach	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
11	Ditto lung,	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1
	bronchus	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Ditto breast	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
13	Ditto uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
14	Other malignant and	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	2
	lymphatic neoplasms	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2
15	Leukaemia,	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	aleukaemia	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
16	Diabetes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	13
	nervous system	F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	14
18	Coronary disease,	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	6
	angina	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
19	Hypertension with	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	heart disease	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
20	Other heart disease	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	11
		F	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	19
21	Other circulatory	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
	disease	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	7
22	Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
24	Bronchitis	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
25	Other diseases of	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Respiratory system	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
26	Ulcer of Stomach	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
	and Duodenum	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	and diarrhoea	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Nephrosis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia, prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
32	Other defined & ill-	M	7	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-
	defined diseases	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5
33	Motor vehicle	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	accidents	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
		F	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
35	Suicide	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No deaths were recorded as due to: (3) Syphilitic disease; (4) Diphtheria; (5) Whooping Cough; (6) Meningococcal infection; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis; (8) Measles; (30) Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion; (31) Congenital malformations; (36) Homicide.

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals.

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the District are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board through Hospital Management Committees.

The Hospitals are:

Chichester Isolation Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester
Midhurst Cottage Hospital
Petworth Cottage Hospital
Haslemere Hospital
Petersfield Hospital
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea
Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton
Worthing Hospital
Horsham General Hospital
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington
Aldingbourne House Sanatorium
King Edward VII Sanatorium, Easebourne

Laboratory Service.

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, during 1952, were as follows :

	Nature of Specimen.	Number Examined.
(a)	Blood	2
(b)	Nose and Post Nasal Swabs ..	7
(c)	Ice Cream	98
(d)	Milk	124
(e)	Water	255
	Total ..	486

Ambulances.

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Midhurst, Petworth and Haslemere. The same Authorities are also responsible for the Hospital Car Service.

Home Nursing and Midwifery.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses, are employed by the West Sussex County Council to serve in the Rural District.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Ante-Natal Clinics Infant Welfare Centres	- held at Camelsdale, Midhurst, Rake, Northchapel and Petworth.
Infant Weighing Centres	- held at Heyshott, Rogate and Stedham.
School Clinic (Minor Ailments) Aural Clinic Orthopaedic Clinic Speech Therapy Clinic	- held at Chichester.
Eye Clinic	- held at Midhurst.
Chest Clinic	- held at Aldingbourne House Sanatorium.
Venereal Diseases Clinics	- held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

Nursing Homes.

There are six Nursing Homes registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936. These Homes, all of which are privately maintained, have a total accommodation for 152 patients. One nursing home with a total of 51 beds is used for accommodating aged chronic cases. A second home, now registered also for chronic cases with 51 beds, was used for Tuberculous patients until November, 1952.

Three of the remaining nursing homes provide a total of seven maternity beds.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

(a) Section 47 50.

Two burials were carried out during 1952.

(b) Section 50 47.

No action was necessary under this Section.

SECTION III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Piped water is supplied principally by the Midhurst Rural District Council and the Wey Valley Water Company. These two statutory undertakers provide a supply, in part at least, to 22 out of the 26 Parishes in the Rural District, 3,412 houses receiving a supply which, with very few exceptions, is available within the dwellings. Piped water is also provided to some 1,156 houses by private estates.

Details of the supplies in each of the parishes as at 31st December, 1952, are given in the table at the end of this Section.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER UNDERTAKINGS.

Rotherfield Bore Supply, Easebourne - to the Parishes of Bepton, Cocking, Easebourne, Heyshott, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

The total number of houses supplied from this source is 1,186.

Slade Lane Bore Supply, Rogate - to the Parishes of Chithurst, Iping, Linch, Rogate, Stedham, Terwick, Trotton and Woolbeding.

The total number of houses supplied by this scheme is 645.

At the end of the year a large main extension scheme was put in hand to serve dwellings and farms at Chithurst, Elsted, Iping, Trotton and West Harting.

Lodsworth Bore Supply, Lodsworth - to the Parishes of Easebourne, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, South Ambersham and Tillington.

The total number of houses supplied by this scheme is 364.

Spring Supply, Henley - to the Parishes of Easebourne and Fernhurst.

This scheme supplies 32 houses.

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY.

Water is supplied to the Parishes of Fernhurst, Linchmere, North Ambersham, Iping, Lurgashall, Rogate and Trotton. The total number of houses supplied is 1,164.

No main extensions were carried out during the year.

Water Supply (Contd.)

Sampling - Statutory Water Undertakings.

Eighty-seven samples submitted for bacteriological examination resulted in 81 being satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory.

Four samples submitted for chemical analysis were reported upon as satisfactory.

Private Estate Supplies.

The total number of houses now receiving a piped water supply from private undertakings is 1,156. During the year routine sampling of the principal estate supplies was continued, 124 samples being submitted for examination. Of these, 105 were reported as satisfactory and 19 as unsatisfactory.

The number of houses supplied by each undertaking varies from 2 to 188.

Individual Private Supplies.

Forty-four samples of water taken from Wells and other sources supplying houses in various parts of the district were submitted for bacteriological examination. Of these, 35 were found to be unsatisfactory and 9 satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Houses Drained to the Council's Sewers:

Parish	Drainage Scheme	Houses Drained to Sewer	Number of Houses in Parish
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	185)	
Fernhurst	Northern Fernhurst and Linchmere	195)	622
Linchmere	ditto	271	387
North Ambersham	ditto	5	57
Midhurst	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	620	626
West Lavington	ditto	61	132
Easebourne	ditto	420	519
Cocking	Cocking	48	153
Harting	Harting	127	423

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

Some progress with the provision of water closets and drainage to the new sewers at Harting was made during the year, while at Cocking a further 12 houses were drained to the sewers.

Rogate Drainage.

The starting date for this scheme has not yet been fixed although strong representations have been made by the Council to the Ministry.

Drainage - Bell Vale, North Ambersham.

At Bell Vale in the Parish of North Ambersham, further trouble was experienced with nuisances from cesspool and septic tank drainage, and a contract has been awarded for an extension of the sewer in this area.

Rivers and Streams.

Flooding due to obstruction of the Harting Brook continued to occur during periods of wet weather, but since the end of the year proposals have been put forward for work to be carried out which may alleviate recurring trouble.

Public Cleansing.

The services for refuse collection are as follows :-

Interval between Collections.

Once Weekly.	Fortnightly.	Four-Weekly.
Midhurst	Linchmere	Tillington
Easebourne (Lutener Road & Easebourne Street - Post Office to School only.)	North Ambersham	Stedham
West Lavington (Chichester Road-South Pond to Station only.)	Fernhurst	Elsted
	Easebourne (except Lutener Rd. & Easebourne Street-Post Office to School.)	Harting (Uppark only)
	Trotton (Milland area only)	Graffham
	Rogate (except Fyning)	Heyshott
	Harting (except Uppark)	Lodsworth
	Chithurst	South Ambersham
	Iping	Bepton (Upper Bepton only.)
	Woolbeding (except E.Shaw)	Treyford
	Cocking	Lurgashall
	West Lavington (except Chichester Rd.-South Pond to Station)	Rogate (Fyning only.)
	Bepton (except Upper Bepton).	Terwick
		Trotton (except Milland area)
		Woolbeding (East Shaw only.)

Public Cleansing (Contd.)

The whole of the refuse is deposited on the Tip at Midhurst Common.

Cesspool Emptying Service.

The Council's cesspool emptying vehicle was again hard pressed to cope with the number of requests received for cesspools to be emptied. Some 659 cesspools were cleared during the year.

Pail Closet Emptying Service.

The free pail closet emptying service at Harting was continued, but it has now been decided that this work will cease in respect of those houses on the line of the new sewers on the 30th June, 1953.

Shops Act, 1950.

During the year 41 visits were made to shops and offices. As a result of action taken sanitary accommodation was improved at three premises.

Smoke Abatement.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Factories Act, 1937.

There are 70 establishments situate in the district coming within the scope of the Factories Act, 1937, of which 42 are provided with mechanical power. During the year, 102 inspections of factory premises were made, and the following list summarises the various defects found and remedied :

Nature of Defect.	Defects found and remedied
(a) Want of cleanliness	7
(b) Overcrowding..	1
(c) Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences ..	3
(d) No proper separate sanitary conveniences for sexes ..	1

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district.

Camping Sites.

The following licences were granted during the year under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 :

(a) Licences to erect, station and use movable dwellings .. 25

(b) Licences authorising the use of land as a site for movable dwellings 1

In addition, the Camping Club of Great Britain has a site of some 22 acres near The Potteries, East Lavington, such land being used solely by campers with tents.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year 878 infestations were dealt with and some 4,910 rats were destroyed.

The Council's sewers were also treated, but these were found to be free from rats.

Mosquitoes.

No action was called for.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises in the district at which Rag Flock is used or sold.

Schools.

There are 13 Primary Schools in the district of which 11 have waterborne sanitation. During the year modern sanitation was installed at Rogate C.E. (Controlled) School and connected to the sewer. Total accommodation provided consisted of 6 water closets and urinal, 6 basins, together with separate water closet and basin for staff.

Thirty visits were made to school premises.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Complaints received	77
Informal Notices served	259
Informal Notices complied with ..	364
Statutory Notices served under Section 93, Public Health Act, 1936 ..	8
Statutory Notices complied with ..	1

Of the 8 statutory notices served, 7 were in respect of housing defects while the other was in respect of foul conditions at a private residence. The latter was suitably abated and work is in progress in the remaining cases.

Visits made in connection with:

Housing - first visits..	683
Housing - revisits	493
Council House applications	173
Overcrowding	215
Drainage and sanitary conveniences ..	1,273
Water Supplies	909
Privies, ditches and cesspools ..	162
Stables and Piggeries	6
Refuse and Accumulations	88
Verminous premises	26
Rats and Mice Destruction	8,594
Schools	30
Movable Dwellings	48
Factories Act	102
Infectious Diseases	23
Shops Act	41
Slaughterhouses, Butchers' Shops and other Food Premises	735
Dairies and Milk Distributors	114
Miscellaneous	126
Total Visits ..	13,841

Summary of

Sanitary Work and Improvements.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts:

Baths provided	25
Ceilings repaired or renewed	30
Chimney Stacks repaired or renewed ..	14
Cooking Ranges repaired or renewed ..	23
Damp walls remedied	15
Doors repaired or renewed	17
Drainage systems cleared or repaired ..	99
Drainage systems provided	126
Earth Closets repaired or renewed	7
Firegrates repaired or renewed	12
Food Stores provided or repaired	11
Foul accumulations removed	8
Floors repaired or renewed	30
Fuel Stores provided or repaired	8
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired ..	27
Hot and cold water systems provided ..	26
Houses cleansed and redecorated	23
Plaster repaired or renewed	29
Refuse bins provided	10
Roofs repaired or renewed	29
Sinks provided	25
Stairs repaired or renewed	7
Verminous premises disinfested	3
Washing coppers repaired or renewed ..	8
Water supplies laid on into dwellings ..	58
Wells and water tanks cleansed or repaired ..	6
Water Closets provided or repaired ..	111
Windows enlarged, provided or repaired ..	30
Walls repaired	8
Yard paving provided or repaired	9

Summary of Rural Water Supplies - 31st December, 1952.

Parish	Area (Acres)	Est. Pop.	No. of houses in Parish	Houses with piped water from		Houses with Wells, Springs or Rainwater Tanks.
				Public Mains	Private Estates	
Bepton	1910	288	88	43	43	2
Chithurst	1200	279	83	53	15	15
Cocking	2596	483	153	62	81	10
Easebourne	4214	1573	519	319	197	3
East Lavington	1977	214	67	3	52	12
Elsted	1840	190	57	1	38	18
Fernhurst	4950	1993	622	568	34	20
Graffham	2137	575	175	-	160	15
Harting	7946	1375	423	259	82	82
Heyshott	2184	439	133	9	107	17
Iping	2235	394	121	55	16	50
Linch	850	87	24	8	10	6
Linchmere	2066	1248	387	358	19	10
Lodsworth	2441	633	193	158	9	26
Lurgashall	4815	604	188	67	17	104
Midhurst	669	2006	626	626	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	195	57	36	8	13
Rogate	5016	1253	390	356	5	29
South Ambersham	1502	112	35	8	22	5
Stedham	2493	630	190	34	124	32
Terwick	783	201	61	29	-	32
Tillington	3816	766	234	149	56	29
Treyford	2098	144	41	-	20	21
Trotton	3600	440	134	40	25	69
West Lavington	678	379	132	128	4	-
Woolbeding	1851	249	74	43	12	19
TOTALS	67035	16750	5207	3412	1156	639
Percentage of Total Dwellings				66%	22%	12%

Estimated population deriving water from:

(a)	Public Mains	10,975
(b)	Private Estate Mains	3,719
(c)	Other Sources	2,056
	Total Population ..	16,750

Section IV.

HOUSING.

During the year 70 Council Houses were completed, 2 by the Midhurst Rural Housing Society, and 34 by private enterprise.

At the end of the year there were 481 applications outstanding on the Council's rehousing list.

Housing Acts, 1936 and 1949.

Action was taken in four cases under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, which resulted in two of the dwellings being closed while the remaining two are being reconditioned and converted into one dwelling.

Two applications for grant under the Housing Act, 1949, were received, one of which was disapproved. The property concerned in the other application is now being reconditioned.

Consequent upon tied agricultural workers cottages being included for purposes of grant, at the time of writing this report a number of applications have been received for their reconditioning.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 34 houses provided by private enterprise during 1952 are as follows :-

Bepton	2	Linchmere	3
Cocking	1	Midhurst	6
Easebourne	1	Rogate	5
East Lavington	1	Terwick	2
Fernhurst	7	Stedham	2
Iping	2	Trotton	1
		West Lavington	1

Requisitioned Premises.

The following statement gives details of the action taken during 1952 in connection with requisitioned premises :-

Number of:

Properties under requisition at 31.12.51.	90
Units of accommodation provided ..	144
Persons accommodated	423
Properties derequisitioned during 1952	21
Properties held under requisition at 31.12.52.	69
Units of accommodation provided ..	119
Persons accommodated	352

Housing Statistics.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 683

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. 1176

(2) Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. 205

2. Remedying of Defects without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority 320

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices .. nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 8

3. Action under Statutory Powers (Contd.)

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	2
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that they will not be used for human habitation until rendered fit for that purpose	4

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	9
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ..	14
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ..	76
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1952	4
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1952	7
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	47
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after Local Authority has taken steps to abate the overcrowding	nil

Houses Erected by the Local Authority.

Parish	Pre-War.	Erected Post-War							Grand Total
		1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	Total	
CHITHURST									
Chorley Common Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carterland Corner	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	12	16
COCKING									
Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
The Croft	-	-	-	-	20	-	2	22	30
EASEBOURNE									
Canada Cottages	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cowdray Road	-	-	-	-	24	-	10	34	
Egmont Road	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	12	
Fox Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	20	
Montague Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	18	96
ELSTED									
Hill View Cottages	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
FERNHURST									
Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Old Glebe Cottages	-	-	16	-	24	-	-	40	46
GRAFFHAM									
Woodcote Cottages	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Guillod Cottages	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	22	28
HARTING									
Loppers Ash Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Knightsfield Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tipper Lane Cotts.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Culvers, S. Harting	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	28	44
HEYSHOTT									
Austins Cottages	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bakersfield Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Leggatts Flats	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	
Austins Cottages	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	16
IPING									
Crossways Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
LINCHMERE									
Moor Copse Cotts.	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	6
LODSWORTH									
Berryfield Cotts.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Barnfield Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Beechfield Cotts.	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	12
LURGASHALL									
Greengate Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	8
MIDHURST									
Barnplat Cotts.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
June Meadow	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Nine Acres	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	22	46
ROGATE									
Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Parsonage Cotts.	-	-	8	-	12	-	-	20	24
STEDHAM									
Common View Cotts.	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
TERWICK									
Mill Lane Cotts.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
TILLINGTON									
Willetts Field Cotts.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
The Harrows	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	8	12
TROTTON									
Mill Lane Cottages	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
WEST LAVINGTON									
Taylors Field	-	-	-	-	-	14	16	30	30
WOOLBEDING									
Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
TOTALS	114	12	120	14	104	14	70	334	448

Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

Number of inspections made of dairies and milk premises	114
Number of Producer Distributors with farms in district	19
Number of retail dairies (not producing milk) in the district	3
Number of milk distributors with dairies outside the district	14
Number of Dealer's licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	12
Number of Dealer's licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designation "Pasteurised" ..	6

Of the three retail dairies in the district, two possess pasteurising plants.

During the year 103 samples of milk taken from distributors were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 98 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Twenty-one samples of Pasteurised milk were also taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, and of these, 17 were reported upon as satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory.

Meat and Other Foods.

No regular slaughtering of animals, other than cottagers' pigs for home consumption, has been carried out in any of the slaughterhouses in the district, all of which have remained closed by virtue of the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940. All meat for sale in the area continues to be slaughtered elsewhere, supplies for consumption being delivered from Chichester and Worthing to a central depot at Midhurst for distribution to retail butchers.

The following is a summary of butchers' shops etc. in the district, together with details of inspections of these establishments carried out during the year :

Number of Butchers' Shops	8
Number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for the preparation and manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption	9

Meat and Other Foods (Contd.)

Number of visits made to the above premises	332
Number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream	34
Number of visits to Ice Cream premises ..	153

There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

Ninety-eight samples of Ice Cream were taken from dealers and submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. These were graded as follows :-

Grade 1.	Grade 2.	Grade 3.	Grade 4.
49	37	9	3
(50%)	(38%)	(9%)	(3%)

Number of cafes, restaurants, private hotels and guest houses		20
Number of visits to such premises ..		65
Number of:	Grocers and General Stores ..	50
	Fishmongers and Poultry Shops ..	3
	Greengrocery Shops	6
	Sweet Shops	4
Number of visits to such premises ..		153
Number of Informal Notices served ..		28
Number of Informal Notices complied with ..		24

Inspection of Animals killed for Home Consumption or Slaughtered as a result of emergency.

Ninety-two pigs and three calves were inspected and found fit for human consumption.

Condemnations.

Meat condemned in butchers' shops during the year :

Beef	81 lbs.
Sausage Meat ..	28 lbs.
Pork Sausages ..	24 lbs.
Pork Sausage Meat ..	60 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Twenty licences are in force under the provisions of this Act for the slaughtering of animals.

Bakehouses.

There are 12 bakehouses in the district of which a total of 41 inspections were made.

Five informal notices served in respect of limewashing and two in respect of defective floors were complied with.

Food Hygiene.

The need for cleanliness and personal hygiene is impressed upon shopkeepers and their assistants at every opportunity.

Hot and cold water and washing facilities were provided at a further three premises during the year.

Other Foods.

The following other foods were found to be unfit for sale for human consumption and were condemned :-

Description.	Weight. Lbs.
Pork Brawn - 2 tins	5
Pork - 5 tins	36
Jellied Veal - 1 tin	4
Luncheon Meat - 4 tins ..	12½
Stewed Steak - 1 tin	1
Meat Loaf - 2 tins	2
Liver - 1 tin	¾
Ham and Veal Loaf - 1 tin ..	4
Ham, Shoulder - 7 tins ..	83
Bacon, Back	9½
Bacon, Collar	7½
Pineapple - 26 tins	21½
Mandarin Oranges - 12 tins ..	8
Peach Pulp - 1 tin	2
Loganberry Jam - 3 tins ..	4½
Pancake Mixture - 30 pkts. ..	15
Sponge Cake Mixture - 18 pkts.	9
Cheese..	7
Herring Roes	7
Sardines in Oil - 3 tins ..	5
Danish Mussels - 12 bottles ..	6
Crabs	9
Halibut	4¾

Section VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Five cases of Poliomyelitis were notified during the year, but otherwise the incidence of infectious disease was small.

In 1944, there were 934 deaths from Diphtheria in England and Wales, in 1948 there were 156 deaths, and in 1952 there were 31 deaths. Over the same period the number of cases of Diphtheria notified has fallen from over 23,000 in 1944, to less than 400 in 1952.

There has been no case in this district since 1945, but this dramatic success of immunisation must not be allowed to result in a reduction of the numbers of children immunised year by year. To ensure continuing success not less than 75 per cent of babies should be immunised before their first birthday, but in 1952 only 31 per cent of the babies under one in the first half of the year were immunised. For every baby protected two are left unprotected and the responsibility for this lies squarely on the parents.

Cancer.

The number of deaths attributed to Cancer during the year was 34 (19 males, 15 females) - 33 deaths in 1951.

The Cancer Death Rate for the year is 2.02 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 1.97 for 1951. Corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts are 2.45., 2.78 and 2.09 respectively.

The following is an analysis of the age and sex distribution of all persons whose deaths were certified to be due to cancer during 1952 :

Ages	Males	Females	Total
35 -	3	1	4
45 -	4	-	4
55 -	1	7	8
65 -	7	3	10
75 -	4	4	8
Totals	19	15	34

Cancer (Contd.)

Localisation of the Disease.

	Male	Female	Total
Brain	1	-	1
Alimentary Tract & Digestive System:			
Tongue	-	-	-
Pharynx	-	-	-
Thyroid	1	-	1
Oesophagus	-	-	-
Stomach	5	3	8
Caecum	-	-	-
Colon	3	-	3
Rectum	1	-	1
Liver	-	1	1
Pancreas	2	-	2
Respiratory System:			
Lung, bronchus	5	-	5
Urinary Organs:			
Kidney	-	-	-
Bladder	-	-	-
Female Genital Organs:			
Uterus	-	2	2
Ovary	-	3	3
Breast	-	2	2
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other sites	1	3	4
Total number of deaths from Cancer	19	15	34

Chicken Pox.

This disease is not notifiable, consequently cases become known to the Department only when absences from school result. Thirty-one cases of Chicken Pox were recorded in this way in 1952, 17 occurring at the Harting Primary School and 14 at Fernhurst County Primary School.

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1952, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Diphtheria Anti-Toxin. Anti-toxin is obtainable by medical practitioners for the treatment of suspected cases and contacts from the Royal West Sussex Hospital and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, and from the Isolation Hospital at Worthing.

(c) Immunisation.

During 1952, 41 children of school age and 143 children under 5 years of age received a complete course of injections. In addition, 160 children received 'follow-up' injections.

Erysipelas.

One case of this disease was notified during the year (2 cases in 1951.)

Measles.

Cases notified were 10 (123 in 1951). Five of these were in December and were the first cases of a considerable outbreak which by the end of March, 1953, had resulted in a further 244 notifications.

In 1952 there were no complicated cases which necessitated admission to hospital.

Pneumonia.

Six cases of Acute Primary Pneumonia were notified (a total of 8 cases in 1951.)

Deaths registered during 1952 as due to all forms of Pneumonia totalled 3, as compared with 9 for the year 1951.

Poliomyelitis.

Five cases of paralytic poliomyelitis were notified during the year (3 paralytic and 2 non-paralytic cases during 1951).

No deaths were registered as due to this cause.

Puerperal Pyrexia.

One case was notified (nil in 1951).

Scarlet Fever.

Ten cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during 1952 (4 cases in the previous year). Nine of these cases occurred during the last quarter of the year.

Tuberculosis.

Fifteen cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 5 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were added to the notification register during the year (13 Pulmonary and 2 Non-Pulmonary cases in 1951).

Three deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis were recorded (1 pulmonary, 2 Non-Pulmonary), a decrease of 3 when compared with the previous year.

The death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the year is 0.05 per 1,000 of the home population (0.35 in 1951). The death rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex for the year under review were 0.20 and 0.13 respectively.

The following tables give details of the number of cases on the notification register, together with particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease during 1952 :

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1952.

		Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pul. Cases			Total Cases (all forms)		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1	Number on Register at 1st January, 1952 ..	22	24	46	11	4	15	33	28	61
2	Cases previously removed & returning in 1952 ..	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
3	Primary notifications received in 1952 ..	5	4	9	2	-	2	7	4	11
4	Cases moved into area as transfers from other areas	4	1	5	3	-	3	7	1	8
	TOTALS	31	30	61	16	4	20	47	34	81
5	Cases removed from Register in 1952 ..	1	3	4	3	-	3	4	3	7
6	Number on Register at 31st December, 1952 ..	30	27	57	13	4	17	43	31	74

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 -	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 -	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
55 -	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	9	6	5	-	-	1	2	-

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Whooping Cough.

Thirteen cases were notified during 1952 (61 during the previous year).

Other Diseases.

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases :

Cholera
Diphtheria
Dysentery
Encephalitis (Acute)
Enteric Fevers
Food Poisoning
Malaria
Membranous Croup
Meningococcal Infection
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Plague
Relapsing Fever
Smallpox
Typhus Fever

Table showing Notifications and Deaths from certain Infectious Diseases

Year	Polio-myelitis		Scarlet Fever		Diph-theria		Enteric Fever		Erysip-elas		Measles		Whooping Cough		Diarrhoea & Dysentery		Smallpox	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
1941	-	-	21	-	8	1	-	-	4	-	195	-	35	2	-	-	-	-
1942	-	-	18	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	53	1	9	-	-	2	-	-
1943	-	-	20	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	150	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
1944	4	-	13	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	13	-	12	-	-	-
1945	2	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	172	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
1946	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	*1	-	-	25	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
1947	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	79	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	252	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-(1)	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	246	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
1950	1	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	45	-	33	-	-	-	-	-
1951	2(3)	1	4	-	-	-	*4(1)	-	2	-	123	-	61	-	-	-	-	-
1952	5	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	13	-	-	-	-	-

NOTES: A - Cases Notified. B - Deaths. * - Cases of Paratyphoid 'B'.

Figures in brackets refer to additional cases which occurred in the district but were not notified until after admission to Hospital outside the district.

Table showing cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1952.

Disease	Total Cases Notified			Cases admitted to Isolation Hospitals	Total Deaths	Age Distribution											
	M	F	Total			0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-
Erysipelas	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	5	5	10	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	3	3	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	1
Poliomyelitis	3	2	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	5	10	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	6	13	-	-	1	1	3	2	1	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	23	23	46	5	3	1	1	7	3	4	18	2	1	2	4	2	1